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[1](#)1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATED THE EXCELLENT REPORTING IN REFTELS ON UNREST IN URUMQI. REFTELS PROVED VITAL FOR THE DRAFTING OF FINISHED INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS, WHICH WERE RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST BY POLICYMAKERS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. REF A PROVIDED DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE IN THE OPEN PRESS, GIVING US VALUABLE INFORMATION AND INSIGHTS INTO THE STILL UNSTABLE ENVIRONMENT. REF B WAS THE EARLIEST LOOK AT THE CHINESE TIMELINE OF EVENTS AND CONTAINED THE OFFICIAL FIRST CLAIM THAT VIOLENCE ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JULY WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT HAN CHINESE, WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN CHINESE OFFICIAL PRESS UNTIL DAYS LATER, AND ALLOWED US TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS FROM KEY CUSTOMERS. REF C WAS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS WIDE RANGE OF INSIGHTS INTO THE LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS, POTENTIAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE, AND UNDERLYING DYNAMICS OF THE UNREST. REF D PRESENTED A CLEAR AND REASONED RECONSTRUCTION OF EVENTS AND WAS OF TREMENDOUS VALUE. OTHER NOTABLE REPORTS INCLUDE REF E, WHICH DETAILED THE JULY 7 HAN COUNTER PROTESTS, AND REF F, WHICH PROVIDED THE VIEWS OF URUMQI RESIDENTS ON THE RIOTS AND LOCAL PROPAGANDA EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT. REFS Q TO Y DURING THE JULY 10-22 PERIOD WERE ALSO EXTREMELY USEFUL. ALL REFERENCED REPORTING DESCRIBED SOURCES OF INFORMATION CLEARLY AND CAREFULLY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE REPORTING ON POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE INCIDENT. MANY THANKS.  
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